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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
DECEMBER 13, 2021***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice, Administrative Assistant Karen Raines and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

- CDBG Annual Public Hearing – Brandon Hamilton
- Delaware Rural Water Association, Thomas Matich – Asset Management Presentation

Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the October 11, 2021, Town Council Meeting: Minutes were read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks. Motion to accept minutes as read by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony, read by Councilman Donald Trice.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No report at the time of this meeting.

❖ Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day, read by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.
- Streets – No report at the time of this meeting.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice announced her resignation effective Thursday, December 16, 2021.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice. Councilman Trice voiced the need to have an Executive Session to discuss potentially hiring a part-time officer and a part-time Secretary for the Police Department.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- Adoption of 2022 Budget – Motion to adopt 2022 Budget made by Councilman Donald Trice; Councilwoman Ashley Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried
- Holiday Schedule – Motion to close Town Hall on Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st made by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Councilwoman Ashley Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried
- Review Annexation Application – Owner of 8616 Concord Road submitted a letter requesting to be annexed into Town limits. After reviewing, the Mayor gave approval to move forward with the annexation process.
- Christmas Light Contest – Deadline Tuesday, December 21, 2021 – Motion for Christmas Light Contest made by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson; Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- Third reading of Resolution R06.2021.09.13: Violation and Penalty Fees – Motion to accept as written made by Councilman Donald Trice; Councilwoman Ashley Hudson seconded the motion. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community

Mayor Atkinson stated he will be organizing a committee in January 2022 to review and propose changes to update the Town Charter.

Nancy McAdams voiced concerns with water quality. She was directed to review the most recent CCR report.

Entered into Executive Session: 8:54pm

Exited Executive Session: 8:57pm

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the December 13, 2021, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Administrative Assistant